

### The Wrong Way.

The Kansas City Star is guilty of a peculiar mistake. It discusses railroad rates and values and says that if Kansas had a public utilities bill it would be enabled to ascertain physical valuation and other important items concerning the railroads.

And yet the Star knows, or ought to know, that the utility bill favored by Gov. Stubbs two years ago expressly and absolutely excepted the railroads from its operation.

The reason for this exception was that the present railroad law provides for physical valuation and all the other things desired by the advocates of the utility bill.

It would be fair to Kansas to say that her present railroad law is as good as any state in the union and not be referring to the law as if it were weak and insufficient.

The Star with its great circulation can keep on giving this wrong impression, when it should not do so, until the people think the utility bill concerned the railroads. It did not. Not a line in the bill referred to railroads or gave the state additional power over railroads and railroad rates.

Perhaps the editorial writer on the Star should be better posted about Kansas.

For gentlemen, three piece sets to match. Socks, ties and handkerchiefs, quite nifty at.

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E. A. Sealy returned Tuesday from Chanute, Kansas where he has been spending the holidays with his parents. Mr. Sealy says that he enjoyed himself immensely and that they had a big family reunion there.

C. L. Martin, who has been visiting in Woodward, Okla., drove over in the car with his brother and took the train for his home in California the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Evans entertained with a delightful six course dinner last Sunday. The guests were Miss Tracy, Miss Bell, Mr. Maricle and Mr. Holland.

Revival services are now in progress at the M. E. church. After January 20 the pastor will be assisted by Rev. Joseph H. Smith, D. D. of Mississippi.

When you buy apples, remember that the finest fruit in town is at Zell Taylors, under the First National Bank.

The Citizens State Bank gave out a few mighty fine calendars the first of the week.

Miss Beulah Bowers of Hooker, Okla., is visiting Miss Mary Aken of this city this week.

A fine line of dress-shirts just received from Hurt Bros. Chicago. Harris Dry Goods Co.

The club will give its regular dance at Craig Hall next Friday night.

Plenty of money to loan on farms. S. W. SMITH.

T. B. Stockstill was in Richfield last week.

Paul Funk is on the sick list this week.

### Kismet Items.

The mercury has been laying low for some cause since Sunday morning. The merchants report good sales of overshoes, gloves, coats and coal.

Orval Groom's mother from Missouri is quite sick at Orval's place southwest of town.

Mrs. Thompson of Pratt is here visiting her sons and friends.

It is reported that A. C. Olin will return to Kismet to make his home.

Revival meetings are still in progress at the Bible School building. Not much success reported.

Hershel Barrett had the misfortune to fall from the top of a 35 foot windmill Thursday morning and was badly injured. He

was taken to the Stewart Hospital at Hutchinson and is reported doing nicely.

Rev. T. S. Cunningham has been appointed as pastor of the U. B. church at this place, he arrived Thursday of last week to take up his work but the weather was too rough Sunday for many to hear him. He will preach at Kismet Sunday morning next and at Arkalon in the afternoon.

Grant Ormiston returned from Tyrone Monday with his new bride. They both seem happy. A good number of the neighbors gave him a surprise dinner last Thursday at his brother's, Oscar Ormiston's.

At the home of T. W. Green's last Sunday their daughter Miss Edith was joined in marriage to Mr. Harrison Snyder. The young lady has only been in these parts a comparatively short time but has made many friends. Harrison is well known here having lived just one half mile north of Kismet for the past 4 years. Rev. Cunningham spoke the words that made this couple man and wife. The whole community joins in wishing them a happy, long and successful life. They will be at home with his father after the 5th of this month.

Geo. Rose and Ed Louthan returned from Texas last week. They declare there is no place like it. Ed says he saw it rain down there.

### Antelope Valley.

The new year give us a touch of "high life" to start with. It was real winter for a couple of days, some snow but not enough to be beneficial.

The program for last Friday literary was postponed till Friday Jan. 6.

C. A. Sealey is visiting at Burlington, Kansas, where he lived before coming here. He expects to go from there to Chanute where he will meet a brother whom he hasn't seen for seventeen years.

The hunt last Saturday was not a very big success, for some reason there were but ten who took part, it made the loosing side pay pretty high for their supper. Every one who did not hunt was assessed enough to pay the extra expense.

There was quite a number at the supper to watch the old year pass to the new.

C. H. Ellis was laid up for a few days on account of stepping on a nail which penetrated his foot about an inch.

Don't fail to be present at Sunday school next Sunday. The officers for 1911 will be chosen.

E. C. Pile received a car load of high grade cattle which he purchased while at Manhattan, Kansas, consisting of thoroughbred Shorthorns and high grade Jerseys, one of which he purchased from the Agricultural College.

Alex Puhlam spent the holidays with relatives at Pratt.

School begins Monday after two weeks vacation.

C. A. Sealey lost a valuable hog last week. She was a registered O. I. C. and would weigh about 500 pounds.

Alma Pile returned to Manhattan Monday to resume her studies at the K. S. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith and "Grandma" Smith were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Congrove on Tuesday, the occasion being Mr. Congrove's 70th birthday anniversary.

We handle splendid line of shoes, prices very reasonable. Harris Dry Goods Co.

### Oborn Observings.

23 miles Northwest of Liberal.

E. E. King was a business caller at Liberal Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Stutzman left Wednesday for McPherson, Kansas, where she will spend the winter with her parents.

M. B. Cooper and family spent a few days recently at the C. N. Watson home in Liberal.

Macie Jerman left Saturday for

a visit with relatives and friends at Little River, Kansas.

Roy Whetstone and R. D. Whetstone and daughter Viola left Saturday for the latter's home at Pratt, Kansas.

Herbert Brown and wife were in Liberal Thursday.

Miss Alma Jerman visited relatives and friends at Liberal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stutzman were in Liberal Wednesday.

Fifteen below zero here Monday morning.

There was no Sunday School at Golden Plains last Sunday on account of the severe weather.

Mrs. Levi Davis and Mrs. Frank Springer have been staying with Mrs. Eddie Davis near Ethelton, who is reported quite ill at present.

### Traver Troubles

9 miles east of Hugoton.

Since the J. E. Mann family are moving to Liberal we are wondering where our new neighbors are to come from, as the neighborhood is fast becoming depopulated. Not very long ago ours was the largest school, save Hugoton, in the county; and now it is among the smallest.

Henry Wilkemyer has advertised to sell 600 bushels of grain and also his other feed this week. He is preparing to move to Canon City, Colo., as he wants to go where it is colder. Sometimes we wonder if there isn't a strain of Indian blood in us all that makes us want to move about in such a restless fashion.

Our County Commissioners decided to put down an artesian well on the old Hugoton town site, 1 mile from the court house, which has been offered them for that purpose. Amen!

Say, haven't we had some cold weather. Monday morning it was 10 below zero, and 16 below Tuesday morning. What's the matter with Sunny Kansas?

Since John Traver's marriage Clarence Nix has been hunting for a housekeeper. Here's wishing you success, Clarence, and may you get as good a one as John got.

L. S. Curry is feeding his cattle this cold weather. It takes lots of feed to give 700 head of cattle all that they can eat.

Farm loans, easy terms. S. W. Smith.

### BARK IN BREAD BAKING.

It is asserted that some of the people of Norway mix powdered pine and birch inner bark with barley meal when making bread, the heat of the baking rendering the woody fiber nutritious by changing it into starch and gum. In the eighteenth century, when the wood trade of the Baltic was confined to the Russian ports, the towns at that time on the Gulf of Bothnia were occupied by poor fishermen and the bread of those people was commonly made from the inner bark of the fir trees. The staple grains were oats and rye but in time of scarcity bark bread was used and at other times, bark meal was mixed with corn meal as a matter of economy.

### "GREAT" MEN.

Col. "Abe" Gruber, at a dinner at Saratoga during the convention gave a good epigrammatic definition of a great man.

"A great man," he said, "is one with the ability to gather round him a multitude of industrious and intelligent subordinates who will take the blame for all his failures and give him the credit for all their successes."

### AN INSINUATION.

He—I certainly have cobwebs in my brain.

She—Why don't you try a vacuum cleaner?

### SELF EVIDENT.

"We need brains in this business, young man."

"You needn't tell me that, sir. Your business shows it."

### EXPENSIVE AIDS.

He—Grace is looking as young as ever, isn't she?

She—Yes, but she says it costs her more every year.

Special sale on Ladies' Hats. Our prices are cut just half, good for ten days only.

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# Our New Year's Resolutions

**Resolved:** We feel very grateful to our friends and customers for the trade they have given us this year.

**Resolved:** We have made some mistakes this year which we hope to avoid in the future.

**Resolved:** To give every man a square deal, and make every trade a satisfactory one, if it is possible.

**Resolved:** That the remembrance of quality remains long after price is forgotten.

**Resolved:** That we had rather sell you a good article at a fair profit, than a poor one at a big profit.

**Resolved:** That we are always looking for the quality kind of goods, and when we get them, we hang onto them.

**Resolved:** That we would like to do business with you next year on this basis.

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